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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the drop in United States general imports (unadjusted for seasonal variation) from $1,385.9 million in March to $1,333.2 million in April[1] was due primarily to decreases in imports from Latin American Republics from $315.4 to $264.4 million and Western Europe from $390.9 to $368.6 million. April imports from Canada, valued at $292.6 million, were approximately the same as the March total of $292.4 million. During the period, however, imports from the "all other countries" grouping rose from $387.2 to $407.5 million.

From March to April, imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe fell from $381.6 to $358.3 million, while those from sterling area countries increased slightly from $255.6 to $259.2 million. Decreases were noted in imports from all continents except Africa and Asia.

Imports from South America fell from $220.1 million in March to $182.3 million in April owing chiefly to decreases in imports from Venezuela, from $93.1 to $79.6 million; Chile, from $22.2 to $11.4 million and Peru, from $23.3 to $12.7 million. The decrease in imports from Australia and Oceania, from $51.5 to $29.2 million, was primarily due to the drop in imports from Australia, from $33.5 to $19.4 million, and New Zealand and Western Samoa, from $17.6 to $9.7 million. Imports from Europe fell from $398.5 million in March to $376.9 million in April as small, scattered decreases occurred in imports from many of the individual countries of this continent. The more notable of these decreases were as follows: Italy, from $39.0 to $33.0 million; West Germany, from $81.3 to to $76.9 million; Turkey, from $8.7 to $4.4 million; Netherlands, from $18.8 to $15.7 million; United Kingdom, from $85.4 to $82.4 million; and France from $35.6 to $33.2 million. The decline in imports from North America from $430.2 to $416.4 million was chiefly due to decreases in imports from the Dominican Republic, from $15.6 to $5.1 million and Guatemala, from $6.7 to $3.5 million.

During the period, imports from Africa rose from $56.9 million to $85.8 million reflecting the following increases in imports from individual countries of this continent: Republic of South Africa, $17.1 to $27.0 million; Ghana, from $6.5 to $10.5 million; United Arab Republic (Egypt), from $2.0 to $5.8 million; Nigeria, from $3.5 to $6.8 million; and British East Africa and Tanganyika, from $3.4 to $6.5 million. The increase in imports from Asia from $227.6 to $241.9 million was chiefly due to higher levels of imports from India, from $20.3 to $26.9 million; Republic of the Phillipines, from $21.6 to $27.1 million; and Republic of Indonesia, from $9.5 million to $12.4 million.

[1]On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,374.2 million in April as compared to $1,336.1 million in March 1962. (See the April 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I). Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include all revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, and the special corrections announced in the January 1962 issue of this report, but do not include other revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	April 1962	March 1962	April 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade	1,333.2	1,385.9	1,063.0	1,227.1
Western Europe	368.6	390.9	279.6	338.9
Canada	292.6	292.4	227.3	272.6
Latin American Republics	264.4	315.4	246.6	267.9
All other countries	407.5	387.2	309.5	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	358.3	381.6	273.2	331.7
Sterling area countries	259.2	255.6	185.5	215.0
North America	416.4	430.2	333.2	386.6
Greenland	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	292.6	292.4	227.3	272.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Mexico[a]	61.2	57.8	44.1	44.9
Guatemala[a]	3.5	6.7	4.8	5.3
British Honduras[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
El Salvador[a]	3.5	2.1	1.5	3.0
Honduras[a]	3.8	4.2	4.5	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	2.1	4.1	3.1	2.1
Costa Rica[a]	3.0	3.5	4.8	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	2.0	1.3	1.8	1.9
Canal Zone	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Bermuda[b]	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Bahamas[b]	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.9
Cuba[a]	(*)	0.6	1.3	2.9
Jamaica[b]	6.1	7.0	4.0	6.1
Haiti[a]	2.0	2.4	1.6	1.6
Dominican Republic[a]	5.1	15.6	7.0	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b]	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	8.3	6.9	6.2	7.3
Netherlands Antilles	21.7	23.8	19.3	22.9
French West Indies	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.7
South America	182.3	220.1	174.4	196.7
Colombia[a]	18.3	18.5	17.5	23.0
Venezuela[a]	79.6	93.1	66.5	74.9
British Guiana[b]	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.6
Surinam	2.8	2.3	1.6	2.5
French Guiana	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.5
Peru[a]	12.7	23.3	12.3	16.2
Bolivia[a]	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.8
Chile[a]	11.4	22.2	15.6	15.4
Brazil[a]	39.0	40.0	44.5	46.8
Paraguay[a]	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.7
Uruguay[a]	1.5	4.4	2.5	1.9
Argentina[a]	10.2	9.6	7.8	8.5
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	376.9	398.5	287.3	345.8
Iceland[b,c,d]	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	13.8	13.9	10.7	11.7
Norway[c,d]	12.3	10.7	4.0	6.3
Denmark[c,d]	10.5	12.2	7.0	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	April 1962	March 1962	April 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	82.4	85.4	56.6	75.1
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	2.7	2.2	3.0	2.6
Netherlands[c,d]	15.7	18.8	14.6	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	35.3	35.5	26.6	29.3
France[c,d]	33.2	35.6	26.5	36.3
West Germany[c,d]	76.9	81.3	63.9	71.3
East Germany	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2
Austria[c,d]	3.7	4.4	3.2	3.8
Czechoslovakia	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Hungary	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	18.1	17.7	12.9	15.9
Finland[c]	5.1	5.9	3.3	3.8
Estonia	(*)	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	4.9	4.4	3.5	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.7	1.6	2.9	1.9
Azores	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Spain[c,d]	7.2	7.6	6.7	7.0
Portugal[c,d]	4.8	4.8	2.9	3.5
Gibraltar[b]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo[2,b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Italy[c,d]	33.0	39.0	25.9	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	5.2	3.3	3.1	3.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Greece[c,d]	3.5	3.1	3.8	3.9
Rumania	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	4.4	8.7	3.7	6.2
Cyprus[2,b]	(*)	0.1	...	...
Asia	241.9	227.6	181.8	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic[3]	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.4
Lebanon	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.2	0.3	2.9	2.5
Iran (Persia)	5.5	3.9	5.3	5.1
Israel	3.2	3.8	1.9	2.7
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	...	...	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b]	6.9	6.8	7.6	9.1
Saudi Arabia	3.4	5.5	3.6	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	2.3	1.0	0.7	2.1
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.1	0.9	0.1	1.0
India[b]	26.9	20.3	16.9	21.0
Pakistan[b]	4.0	4.5	2.8	3.1
Nepal	...	...	(*)	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.9	3.4	3.2	2.6
Burma[b]	(*)	0.1	0.3	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	2.7	3.3	2.7	3.1
Viet-Nam	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4
Laos	...	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2
Federation of Malaya[b]	14.5	17.0	6.6	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	12.4	9.5	13.2	13.6
Republic of the Philippines	27.1	21.6	24.1	26.4
Macao (Macau)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3

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Continent and country[1]	April 1962	March 1962	April 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	(*)	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.6
Hong Kong[b]	15.9	13.8	7.5	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa)	3.4	3.3	1.4	3.6
Japan	106.2	103.9	76.6	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.4
Australia and Oceania	29.2	51.5	30.7	26.7
Australia[b]	19.4	33.5	15.7	15.3
New Guinea[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa[4,b]	9.7	17.6	14.3	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	(*)	0.2	0.2	0.3
French Pacific Islands	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	...	(*)	0.2	0.2
Africa	85.8	56.9	55.7	55.8
Morocco	2.0	1.7	1.2	0.9
Algeria	0.4	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tunisia	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Libya[b]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	5.8	2.0	0.8	2.9
Sudan	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4
Canary Islands	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon[5]	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c	3.5	6.1	2.6	3.0
Ghana[b]	10.5	6.5	7.7	6.2
Federation of Nigeria[6,b]	6.8	3.5	9.3	4.1
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[7,b]	2.7	0.7	0.6	0.4
Madeira Islands	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Angola	1.9	2.7	2.1	2.3
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c	0.1	(*)	0.4	0.2
Liberia	3.2	1.5	2.4	2.7
Republic of the Congo	2.8	3.7	2.3	4.7
Somali Republic	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	4.7	3.5	5.2	2.6
French Somaliland	0.2	0.1	0.1	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	...	...	(*)	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika[8,b]	6.5	3.4	4.9	4.4
Mozambique	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Malagasy Republic	2.9	0.3	0.6	1.1
Republic of South Africa[9,b]	27.0	17.1	12.4	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.9
Unidentified Continents[10]	0.7	1.0	...	0.3
Unidentified Countries[10]	0.7	1.0	...	0.3

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." [3]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). [4]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. [5]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. [6]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). [7]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. [8]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. [9]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. [10]Countries which could not be identified.

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